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Contributions to the systematics of New World macro-moths VII

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In the current volume, eighteen authors contributed eleven manuscripts on New World taxa in the Erebidae, Noctuidae and Apatelodidae. In addition to numerous taxonomic and nomenclatural changes, 16 new taxa are described from the Nearctic, including 1 new genus, 14 new species and one subspecies: *Hypoprepia lampyroides* Palting & Ferguson, **sp. n.**, *Clemensia ochracea* Schmidt & Sullivan, **sp. n.**, *Euchaetes nancyae* Nagle & Schmidt, **sp. n.**, *Dolocucullia poolei* Crabo & Hammond, **sp. n.**, *Sympistis eleaner* Adams, **sp. n.**, *Sympistis ferrirena* Crabo, **sp. n.**, *Aseptis harpi* Crabo & Mustelin,

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sp. n., *Admetovis icarus* Crabo & Schmidt, **sp. n.**, *Rhabdorthodes* Crabo, **gen. n.**, *Rhabdorthodes pattersoni* Crabo, **sp. n.**, *R. petersoni* Crabo, **sp. n.**, *Hypotrix lactomellis* Wikle & Crabo, **sp. n.**, *Plagiomimicus yakama* Crabo & Wikle, **sp. n.**, *P. yakama mojave* Wikle & Crabo, **ssp. n.** and *Plagiomimicus incomitatus* Mustelin, **sp. n.**

An additional eight species are described from the Neotropics: *Apatelodes navarroi* Herbin & Beccacece, **sp. n.**, *Apatelodes chalupae* Herbin & Beccacece, **sp. n.**, *Apatelodes ulfi* Herbin & Beccacece, **sp. n.**, *Lophocampa azuayensis* Vincent, **sp. n.**, *Lophocampa carpishensis* Vincent, **sp. n.**, *Leucosigma solisae* Goldstein, **sp. n.**, *Leucosigma poolei* Goldstein, **sp. n.** and *Leucosigma schausi* Goldstein, **sp. n.**

All updates, additions and corrections to the Check List of North American Noctuoidea (Lafontaine and Schmidt 2010) since the last update in 2015 are summarized.

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